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SUBJECT: GULF DISCOVERS NEW GAS FIELD

1. JAKARTA MANAGER GULF OIL INDONESIA INC., ROGER HEGGBLOM, INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT GULF HAS MADE IMPORTANT GAS DISCOVERY IN SULAWESI. FIELD IS LOCATED ONSHORE ABOUT 230 KM NORTHEAST OF UDJUNG PANDANG NEAR VILLAGE OF SINGKANG. HEGGBLOM SAID FIND CONSISTED OF DRY, NON-ASSOCIATED, METHANE GAS IN SHALLOW ZONES (ABOUT 2300 FT.) AT 1100 PSIG. PRELIMINARY DRILLING HAS INDICATED TWO DEPOSITS OF ABOUT 300 MILLION CUBIC FEET EACH; HEGGBLOM ROUGHLY ESTIMATED TOTAL SIZE OF FIELD RESERVES AT ABOUT 1 TRILLION CUFT. FURTHER EXPLORATORY/CONFIRMATION DRILLING IS PLANNED. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THIS IS FIRST MAJOR HYDROCARBON DISCOVERY IN SULAWESI. IT WILL RANK AS THIRD LARGEST GAS FIELD IN INDONESIA AFTER ARUN (17 TRILLION CU FT) AND BADAK (APP. 5-7 TRILLION CUBIC FEET.)

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2. NEWS OF DISCOVERY WILL BE WELCOMED IN HOME OFFICES OF GULF WHICH HAS SPENT OVER \$55 MILLION ON EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN INDONESIA. UNTIL NOW, GULF HAS HAD ONLY SERIES OF DRY HOLES TO SHOW FOR THEIR MONEY. GULF AND BP EACH HAVE 50 PERCENT INTEREST IN SULAWESI ACREAGE.

3. GULF'S PROBLEM NOW IS TO FIND USE FOR THIS GAS. HEGGBLOM COMMENTED THAT FIND OF THIS SIZE IN U.S. WOULD READ "GOLD MINE." UNFORTUNATELY, SULAWESI, WITH ITS LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND INDUSTRY, OFFERS FEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR UTILIZATION OF GAS. HEGGBLOM SAID GULF FEELS GAS COULD BE PROCESSED FOR LNG, METHANOL, OR FERTILIZER. GULF WILL BE EXPLORING POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS WITH PERTAMINA AND OTHER GOI DEPARTMENTS. NEWSOM

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